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Note verbale dated 10 March 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and has the honour to submit the attached annex, containing additional information and clarifications complementary to the national report of Bulgaria on the implementation of the above-mentioned resolution, transmitted to the Committee on 18 November 2004. This information relates to the Bulgarian legislation and recent legislative measures undertaken by the Bulgarian Parliament pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution and obligations of Bulgaria under the major non-proliferation and disarmament agreements.

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- The National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria ratified on 8 February 2006 the amendments to the Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, adopted on 8 July 2005 by the conference to consider the proposed amendments to the Convention, held in Vienna.

- In May 2005 by the decision of the Council of Ministers, Bulgaria adhered to the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI).

Bulgaria reaffirms that it does not possess, produce or have deployed on its territory weapons of mass destruction. Based on this statement the national report of Bulgaria contains detailed information solely on the measures undertaken to prevent the proliferation of WMD-related nuclear, chemical and bacteriological materials.

In this context, Bulgaria has provided thorough information on its current legislation and legislative measures in the field of export control, physical protection and security of dual-use material as well as on sanctions envisaged by the Bulgarian civil and penal laws to deal with violations of respective export control legislation.

Bulgaria can provide copies of respective legislation in English, if the Committee requests so.